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September 14, 2007

To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman  
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From: William T Fujioka  
Chief Executive Officer

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## SACRAMENTO UPDATE

### Organization for Special Sessions

Speaker Nuñez announced the appointment of members to serve on groups for the Special Sessions. The following legislators will serve on the health care reform Special Session group. They are: Karen Bass (Los Angeles), Hector De La Torre (South Gate), Mervyn Dymally (Los Angeles), Patty Berg (Eureka), Mark DeSaulnier (Martinez), Ed Hernandez (Baldwin Park), and Mary Hayashi (Hayward).

The appointees for the Special Session on water supply are: John Laird (Santa Cruz), Lois Wolk (Davis), Juan Arambula (Fresno), Mary Salas (Chula Vista), Jared Huffman (San Rafael), Paul Krekorian (Burbank), Mike Feuer (Los Angeles), and Mike Eng (Monterey Park). The groups are expected to begin meeting next week.

As of today, Senate President pro Tem Perata has no plans to form working groups or make organizational changes for the health care reform or water supply Special Sessions. It appears that he intends to work with the Senate members who have responsibility for health and water issues within the regular session committee structure. It should be noted that during the closing hours of the 2007 regular Legislative Session, pro Tem Perata announced that scheduled travel for a number of members required an

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agreement on water storage and conveyance be reached by September 19 or 20 in order to meet the deadline to place a related bond measure on the February 2008 ballot.

### **Press Conference on Health Care Reform**

Today, Governor Schwarzenegger and Speaker Nuñez held a press conference at the California Hospital Medical Center here in Los Angeles with representatives of hospitals, doctors, business, labor and others supporting comprehensive health care reform. The attachment contains the media advisory on the event and a list of the participants. Dr. Molina of Molina Health Care and Annelle Grajeda of SEIU Local 721 mentioned the role of public hospitals in health care reform.

### **Youthful Offender Block Grant**

On September 12, 2007, the Governor requested that the State Controller release \$22.7 million in Youthful Offender Block Grants as part of juvenile justice reform. Los Angeles County will receive \$5,460,396 in the current fiscal year. Counties must submit a Juvenile Justice Development Plan for youthful offenders that includes a description of the programs, placements, services or strategies funded by this grant for approval by the State Correctional Standards Authority by January 1, 2008. These funds are expected to be sent directly to counties.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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### **Attachment**

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Legislative Strategist  
Local 721  
Coalition of County Unions  
California Contract Cities Association  
Independent Cities Association  
League of California Cities  
City Managers Associations  
Buddy Program Participants



## GOVERNOR, SPEAKER NÚÑEZ LEAD DIVERSE GROUP SUPPORTING COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE REFORM

*Today at the California Hospital Medical Center in Los Angeles a wide-ranging group representing hospitals, doctors, medical groups, consumers, patient advocates, insurers, businesses and labor will join Governor Schwarzenegger and Speaker Nunez to support comprehensive health care reform.*

*Californians can take action now on health care reform. Visit [www.FixOurHealthCare.com](http://www.FixOurHealthCare.com) to learn more about the Governor's plan, contact elected officials and share your personal health care stories.*

**The Governor is committed to fixing California's broken health care system.** Healthcare remains the Governor's top priority. Earlier this week, he called a special session of the Legislature to focus on health care reform.

**Hospitals, doctors, medical groups, consumers, patient advocates, insurers, businesses and labor support the Governor's call for comprehensive health care reform.** The coalition joining the Governor today includes:

- Lloyd Dean, President and CEO, Catholic Healthcare West
- Annelle Grajeda, President, SEIU Local 721
- Renee Fraser, Past President, National Association of Women Business Owners – Los Angeles
- Dr. Richard Frankenstein, President Elect, California Medical Association
- Mario Molina, CEO, Molina Health Care
- Robert Warnagieris, Ed.D., Executive Council Member, AARP
- Barry Arbuckle, Chair-Elect, California Hospital Association, and President and CEO, Memorial Care Medical Centers
- Diana Dooley, CEO, Children's Hospital Association
- Richard Cordova, President and CEO, Children's Hospital Los Angeles
- Don Crane, CEO, California Association of Physician Groups
- California Association of Physician Groups Board Member
- Theresa Brown, President, California Association of Nurse Practitioners
- Dr. David Feinberg, Physician
- Liz Helms, Chronic Care Coalition
- Debra Cherry, Executive Vice President, Alzheimer's Association California Southland Chapter
- Erin Pak, CEO and Executive Director, Korean Health Education Information and Research
- Lupe Alonzo-Diaz, Latino Coalition for a Healthier California
- Rose Yu, Allergy and Asthma Foundation of Southern California
- Bill Dombrowski, CEO, California Retailers Association
- Laura Yamanaka, President, National Association of Women Business Owners – Los Angeles
- Blair C. Salisbury, California Restaurant Association Board Member and President and CEO, El Cholo / Barn Burner BBQ / Dona Rosa
- Tyrone Freeman, President, United Long Term Care Workers Union
- California Conference of Carpenters Board Member
- Ben Chu, CEO, Kaiser Southern California
- Howard Kahn, CEO, LA Care Health Plan

- Karen Vigil, Senior Vice President and CEO, Blue Shield of California - Individual, Small Group and Government Business Unit
- Jay Gellert, National CEO, Health Net
- Dave Anderson, CEO, United Health Care, Southern California

**Healthcare is becoming less accessible and less affordable in California. The time for action is now.**

- **More Californians are uninsured than ever before.** According to a recent U.S. Census Bureau report, approximately 6.7 million Californians were uninsured at some point in 2006.
- **The cost of health care is rising.** According to a recent Kaiser Family Foundation study, premiums for employer-sponsored health insurance rose an average of 6.1 percent in 2007, faster than wage growth and inflation.
  - Since 2001, premiums for family coverage have increased 78 percent, while wages have gone up 19 percent and inflation has gone up 17 percent.